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Case Information

AC 46131 ERICA LAFFERTY ET AL. v. ALEX EMRIC JONES ET AL.

Status: Argued/No Decision

Appeal Case Information

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Trial Court Case Information

Docket Number:	UWYCV186046436S UWYCV186046437S UWYCV186046438S	Court:	JD COURTHOUSE AT WATERBURY - 300 Grand St
Judgment For:	Plaintiff	Judgment Date:	12/22/2022
Trial Judge(s):	HON. BARBARA N. BELLIS	Case Type:	CIVIL - DEFAMATION

Party/Attorney or Self-Represented Information

	Trial Court Party Class	Appeal Party Class
ALEX E JONES	Defendant	Appellant
Juris: 067962 JOHN R WILLIAMS		
Juris: 408681 NORMAN A PATTIS		
Juris: 423934 PATTIS & SMITH LLC		
FREE SPEECH SYSTEMS, LLC	Defendant	Appellant
Juris: 408681 NORMAN A PATTIS		
Juris: 423934 PATTIS & SMITH LLC		
CARLEE SOTO-PARISI	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
Juris: 411754 ALINOR C STERLING		
CARLOS M SOTO	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
Juris: 411754 ALINOR C STERLING		
DAVID WHEELER	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
Juris: 411754 ALINOR C STERLING		
DONNA SOTO	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
Juris: 411754 ALINOR C STERLING		
ERICA I ASH A/K/A ERICA LAFFERTY	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
Juris: 411754 ALINOR CLEMANS STERLING		
FRANCINE WHEELER	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
Juris: 411754 ALINOR C STERLING		

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IAN HOCKLEY	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
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JENNIFER HENSEL	Plaintiff	Appellee
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JILLIAN SOTO	Plaintiff	Appellee
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Juris: 411754 ALINOR C STERLING		
MARK BARDEN	Plaintiff	Appellee
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NICOLE HOCKLEY	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
Juris: 411754 ALINOR C STERLING		
ROBERT PARKER	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
WILLIAM ALDENBERG	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
WILLIAM SHERLACH	Plaintiff	Appellee
Juris: 032250 KOSKOFF KOSKOFF & BIEDER PC		
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Juris: 422382 OFFICE OF CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL		
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Juris: 069625 ZEISLER & ZEISLER P.C.		
Juris: 411754 ALINOR C STERLING		

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WILLIAM SHERLACH					
ROBERT PARKER					
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JILLIAN SOTO					
WILLIAM ALDENBERG					
RICHARD M. COAN, TRUSTEE OF THE BANKRUPTCY					

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 APPEAL	AC 46131	12/29/2022		Direct Appeal	Filed		
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 AMENDED APPEAL	AC 46131	1/6/2023		E-filed Amended Appeal	Rejected	
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AC 223420 2/17/2023

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FRANCINE WHEELER ,
JACQUELINE BARDEN ,
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WILLIAM SHERLACH ,
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FRANCINE WHEELER ,
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WILLIAM SHERLACH ,
ROBERT PARKER

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AC 2231480 3/9/2023

ALEX E JONES ,
FREE SPEECH SYSTEMS, LLC

Appellant Brief
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Granted

03/10/2023 3/10/2023



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AC 225266 3/29/2023

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FRANCINE WHEELER ,
JACQUELINE BARDEN ,
MARK BARDEN ,
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WILLIAM SHERLACH ,
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Motion for Rectification (Trial
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MOTION FOR EXTENSION

AC 2231683 4/4/2023

ALEX E JONES ,
FREE SPEECH SYSTEMS, LLC

Appellant Brief
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04/10/2023 4/10/2023

OPPOSITION, RESPONSE
OR WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION

AC 2231683 4/10/2023

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Withdrawal of Motion



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AC 2232044 5/24/2023

ALEX E JONES ,
FREE SPEECH SYSTEMS, LLC

Appellant Brief
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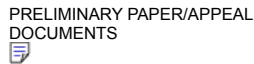
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FREE SPEECH SYSTEMS, LLC

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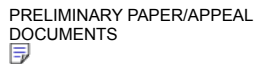
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ALEX E JONES ,
FREE SPEECH SYSTEMS, LLC

Appellant Reply
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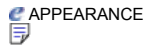
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ERICA I ASH A/K/A ERICA
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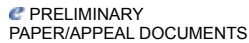
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